

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Everything comes with an open invitation, and please bring a friend. Our website has all the details, and we look forward to seeing you there: www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/

Thursday 2	Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am
Saturday 4	Jubilee Picnic in the Park. Udney Hall Gardens. 12.00-6.00pm
Sunday 5	Platinum Jubilee Services. SMwSA: 10.00am Service of Thanksgiving & Tree Planting and 6.00pm : Songs of Praise with Prosecco
Monday 6	Teddington Community Café. SPSP. 1.30-4.30pm. Also on 6 13 20 & 27
Tuesday 7	Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 21
Wednesday 8	"First" Wednesday open discussion group (note change of week) Mina Hogan Room. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: <i>Ukrainian Refugees and the Good Samaritan?</i> Tea/coffee available – bring a packed lunch.
	20s & 30s Social Group. Tide End Cottage Pub. 7.00pm
Saturday 11	Parish Plod: Jubilee Greenway: Camden Town to Victoria Park. Leaving Teddington Station @ 9.30am
Tuesday 14	Bereavement Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 28
	Pub Lunch. The King's Head. 12noon
Thursday 16	Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. Also on Sat 18
Sunday 26	Churchyard Festival. SMwSA Churchyard. 11.15am : Dedication of the new Sensory Garden, 2.00-5.00pm : Teas and 6.30pm : Ecumenical Communion Service
Tuesday 28	Parish Quiet Day. House of Prayer, East Molesey. 10.00am-4.00pm
	Pub Coffee. The Kings Head. 11.00am
	Plain & Pearl craft group. Mina Hogan Room. 7.30pm

Parish Plod

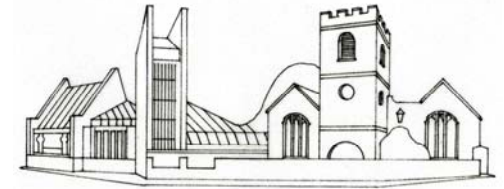
The next Parish Plod is on Saturday, June 11th when we will be walking from Camden Town to Victoria Park along the Jubilee Greenway. If you are interested in joining us please email Mary Field-Smith at safeguarding@stmarywithstalban.org



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Vicar's Viewpoint

For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee we commissioned new oak-framed glass doors. I was hoping that for her Platinum Jubilee we might have a complete extension. Sadly, we haven't quite got there (although our plans have now been submitted). But we do have two trees to plant as part of the *Queen's Green Canopy* initiative. We hope that this will be a fitting legacy for such a remarkable landmark occasion. Will 70 years ever be surpassed?

Just as important is honouring the occasion with social events and community celebrations. It's great to hear about lots of street parties. We're also pleased to be involved in the 'Picnic in the Park' organised by the Rotary Club. This is on Saturday 4th June from 12-6pm in Udney Hall Gardens. Come and enjoy live music, a family treasure trail and lots of stalls.

At the church, we want to frame the celebrations with two special services. The first is a formal Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 5th June at 10am. This will be attended by the Deputy Mayor and all our uniformed organisations and include choral music from the Queen's coronation. It will finish with the tree planting in the churchyard. The second is an informal Songs of Praise with Prosecco on the same day at 6pm. This will happen in the churchyard (weather permitting) and give everyone a chance to sing some well-known classics as well as toasting Her Majesty with some bubbly.

Best wishes,

Joe Moffatt

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another. Amen.

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June 2022

REGULAR SERVICES

at SMwSA unless stated

- ~ Online service only;
- * In-person + livestreamed service

SUNDAYS:

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.00am Morning Worship
- 10.00am Parish Communion*

MONDAYS – SATURDAYS:

- 8.30am Morning Prayer, on Zoom (Mon-Fri and 9am Sat)~
- 9.00am-5.00pm Church open for Private Prayer
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom (Mon-Thur and 5pm Fri-Sat)~

WEDNESDAYS:

- 9.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Church Mice Toddler Service

Go to our website for further details: www.teddingtonparish.org



Celebrating our Churchyard



Some of you will have noticed various bits of work underway in the churchyard in recent weeks, and this will go on through June. Taking our cue from last June when we enjoyed a week of events in our own "God's Acre", we will be putting the focus on the churchyard again on the weekend 25/26 June. There will be some talks and tours on the Saturday, then on the Sunday the dedication of a new sensory area at the east end, at 11.15am, enabled with a grant from Richmond Council, followed by cream teas from 2.00-5.00pm, and a churchyard ecumenical evening service at 6.30pm. Donations of plants for the sensory garden will be much welcomed.

Robin Field-Smith

D of E Volunteering Opportunities Year-Round

We currently have a few roles that are perfect for Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Volunteering. These include live streaming Sunday's 10.00am service, serving hot drinks on a Sunday morning, helping with our social media, and getting involved with churchyard gardening.

We are particularly looking for volunteers to run our Sunday service livestream, which involves controlling the cameras, slides and videos and managing the sound balance. So, if you watch videos and think you can do better, then this could be a chance to learn how. It is live so you need a good eye (and ear) for detail. Full training will be provided, and no previous experience is needed. You would be part of the Livestream team and be on duty 2 Sundays a month from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Also, we would love more help on our

Sunday morning coffee rota, as we have a busy time after the 9.00am and 10.00am services over in our Parish Hall, serving the hot drinks.

Come on your own, or have a friend join you. Please get in touch with Suzanne in the parish office to find out more: suzanne@teddingtonparish.org or 020 8943 2262. *Suzanne Parker*

Diversity and Inclusion Group

The group helped to facilitate the Lent Course, Living in Love and Faith. Developed by the Church of England, it helps us explore together the sensitive and complex questions of identity, relationships and sexuality, questions that can be deeply divisive within the Church and broader society.

The course included short films, Bible passages and opportunities to discuss what we had seen and heard, sharing our ideas and experiences, with an emphasis on learning to listen to each other. It did not offer "answers" but helped to open discussion in a safe space.

The short films captured personal stories from people whose lives may be different from our own and whose experiences have not always been well received in the Church, for example gay and transgender people. We all agreed that these films were thought-provoking. Those sharing their experiences in the films had thought deeply about identity, relationships and sexuality and what this meant in relation to their faith. In discussion, many of us became aware that we were lacking a full understanding of the challenges and stress facing people in those life situations.

We would highly recommend watching these films, which are available on the Church of England website: [Living in Love and Faith | The Church of England](http://www.churchofengland.org.uk/living-in-love-and-faith).

The Group will be in contact with those involved in the Lent Course to decide how we can further address the questions that came out of the Course. If anybody would like to join the Group, which meets monthly, then please contact us via the Parish Office. *Cathy Randall*

Sustainability Festival

Save the date. On the 24th and 25th of September we will be hosting our first ever Sustainability Festival across the Teddington Parish. The theme of the festival will be "Living Your Sustainable Life" and you can expect a line-up of informative speakers, practical discussion, exciting demonstrations and a range of local vendors and artists for all the family to enjoy. The weekend will also include the Harvest Festival at St Mary with St Alban Church.

We will be sharing more details in the coming weeks, including how to buy your tickets, so be sure to note the date in your diaries now. *James Morris*

Active! Church

Activate launched a new service on Sunday 15th May, called Active! Church. This new Sunday afternoon service is focussed on families and runs at a time that does not compete with current sporting provision and allows the whole family to engage in activity and worship together.



It was amazing to welcome local families to this first gathering for sport, dance, worship, and food! This new service will be running every Sunday at St Mark's Church in Teddington from 4.00pm – why not come along and join us? *Rev Chris Kennedy*

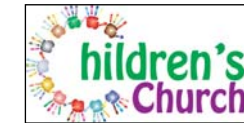
Bereavement Café

On Tuesday May 10th St Peter and St Paul's church opened its doors to the first Bereavement Café. It was much appreciated judging by the good number of attendees. We started the afternoon with a great cup of coffee, tea and of course cake! The format was set up by a short talk from Joe Moffatt who made it very easy to speak about our experiences with others, who in turn talked and shared

their bereavement journey in an informal and relaxed environment. Thank you to the team for their input into this venture which has been beneficial to many. The Café runs on both the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Please join us next on May 24th, 1.30-3.00pm.

Elizabeth Slater

Try our 10am Children's Church this June & July



Do you have a primary school aged child? They'll love the variety of activities in our 10am

Children's Church programme.

We're running six special taster sessions from 12th June to 17th July, for our younger members to experience the fun of growing in faith with new friends.

We'll be acting out stories, going on a treasure hunt, playing games, making crafts and more. You can collect stickers each week. Join our party at the end to collect a special memento. Everyone welcome! For more information, email Ruth Chaperlin (Children's Champion) at sundayschool@stmarywithstalban.org

First taster is 12th June. We can't wait to see you. *Ruth Chaperlin*

Parish Registers

BAPTISMS – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*

24th April: Imogen Isla, daughter of Anna and Thomas McCafferty; Thomas Sebastian, son of Michelle and Oliver Forth

1st May: Autumn Rose Barnett, daughter of Shelley and Christopher Allen

8th May: Penny Daphne, daughter of Olivia and Tom Pearce

15th May: Alessia Maria Janina, daughter of Amy and Stefan Bojanowski-Bubb; Alexander John, son of Eleni Makri and Claude Delmage

WEDDINGS – *We wish every blessing on the marriage of:*

16th April: Charlotte Renno and Stephen Chamberlain

FUNERALS – *We remember with thanksgiving the lives of:*

21st April: Maddy Fowler (51)

27th April: Roger Smith (74)